

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Beny BRUGGEMAN, et al.  
Application No.: 10/552,421  
Filed: October 7, 2005  
Title: Method and Apparatus for the Crust-  
Freezing/Cooling/Deep-Freezing Treatment of Products  
TC/A.U.: 3744  
Examiner: Melvin JONES  
Docket No.: Serie 6110  
Customer No.: 40582

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 28, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 28, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.